

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2008 IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mrs E Stalley, Mrs J Steward, Mrs G Knibbs, Mr C Brown, Mr J Armstrong.

Clerk: Mrs M Brown.

Members of the public: Mr J Judge

Questions from the floor: None.

1 Apologies: Councillor J Holdich, Councillor D Lamb.

2 Minutes from last meeting: With the exception of item 9.3a, which should have read 1st December (not 1st November) and backdated pay should have read £32.62 (not £37.28), the correct amount was paid. Proposed by Mrs E Stalley, seconded by Mr C Brown and signed as correct by the Chair.

3 Matters arising: Code of Conduct consultation. There were no comments to send.

4 The Freedom of Information Act New Model Publication Scheme was adopted. Proposed Mrs E Stalley, seconded Mrs J Steward. The Minutes are already published on the Parish Notice Board and the Castor News website, it was agreed to include the Agenda on the website. All other information is available from the Clerk.

5 Officers reports:

5.1 Recreation ground: Clerk to ask Louise Wilcox to apply for the necessary planning permission. It was agreed that some ground work may be carried out by members of the Parish Council, to reduce costs.

Dog fouling is still a problem on the field. The Parish Council would like to remind dog walkers that this is a recreation area for all and that dogs should be kept under control at all times and owners must clean up after their dogs.

5.2 Planning:

5.2a: 08/00741/FUL-Demolition of existing single storey shop, construction of new shop with two bed flat above and part demolition of rear house extension and construction of additional storey at 107C and 109 Peterborough Road, nothing heard.

5.2b: 08/01299/TRE - Consultation on Preserved Tree Application at 3 Helpston Road, permission granted.

5.2c: 08/01306/CTR - Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification, at 15 Main Street, permission granted.

5.2d: 08/01348/CTR – Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification. Remove to ground level 3 Sycamore trees and thin crown by 20% and raise crown of 1 Sycamore tree at 31 Helpston Road, nothing heard.

5.2e: 08/01403/CTR – Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification. Reduce crown of Sycamore tree at Stylaprint, Station Road, no objections.

5.2f: Normangate development – All the houses have been built, just the inside work to complete. The Clerk has spoken to the Operations Manager, at Nene Park Trust, about the trees which were removed adjacent to Normangate. The remaining trees should have more room to grow and the Poplars should bush out. When it becomes necessary to carry out more tree work Nene Park Trust has suggested a meeting with the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Nene Park Trust again.

5.3: School: A Christmas fair had been held, which was well attended. The building work seems to have been completed.

5.4: Village Hall. Nothing has been heard about the Trusteeship. An application has been made for a full bar licence. The Martial Arts group is no longer using the Village Hall.

5.5: Parish Land and Allotments: Councillors have walked round the Recreation Ground and noted areas which need attention, some hedging will be replaced. Paul Sharpe has been contacted to carry out an inspection of the trees needing attention. It is hoped to plant some new trees, but probably not until work in the Recreation Ground has been finished. Some oil has been reported in the dyke behind houses in Maffit Road, Clerk to contact the City Council. There is still a waiting list for Allotments and tenants who are unable to cultivate all of their allotment are urged to contact the Parish Council as soon as possible.

5.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way: It was noted that repairs to the footpath in Holme Close were carried out very promptly. Clerk to report street lights which have still not been repaired.

5.7: Bus shelter: The hinges have been repaired and it was agreed to pay this bill when it is received.

6 Telephone kiosks: The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of this.

7 Parish Liaison: Mr C Brown reported on the Emergency Briefing Session for Parish Councils, which he had found very interesting and informative.

8 Finance:

8.1: Account Status: Current account £5,432.86

Deposit account £15,777.20

8.2: Income: Revenue from the bottle bank £74.80, which will be used to replace hedging. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has continued to recycle their bottles in the Station Road bottle bank and hopes for their support in the future as this income is used to improve our environment.

8.3: Half yearly audit: This has been completed and the points raised have been dealt with.

8.4: Expenses: It was agreed to pay

8.4a: Clerks pay £190.78+£17 home office costs due 1st January 2009

8.4b: Internal audit £75

8.4c: Stamps £3.24

8.4d: Telephone calls £9.25

8.4e: Mileage for Emergency Planning Briefing £7.20

8.4f: Cambs ACRE subscription £35

8.4g: Open Spaces subscription £40

8.4h: CALC-CTP £90 – Councillors training

Proposed Mrs J Steward seconded Mrs G Knibbs.

8.5: Budget/Precept: The proposed budget was discussed and it was proposed Mrs E Stalley, seconded Mrs J Steward that this be accepted. The forms for 2009/10 precept have been received.

9. Correspondence:

Letter – Mr J Judge

PCC-Acknowledgement for Planning Policies DPD/Site Allocations DPD comments

Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2008-2011 – Brochure

Register of Electors forms 2008/2009

Glasdon –Street Furniture catalogues

St Kyneburgha's Beavers – Thank you letter

Your Peterborough – magazine

PCC Planning Department – Dale Barker is hoping to visit all Parish Councils

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30pm

